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***Southern New England  
School of Law***



***Commencement***

***Saturday,  
May 26, 2007  
11:00 a.m.  
North Dartmouth, Massachusetts***



## **Processional**

*Pomp & Circumstance No. 1*  
*Sir Edward Elgar*  
*The New England Brass-Guild*

## **Invocation**

*The Reverend Dr. Edward R. Dufresne*

## **National Anthem**

## **Welcoming Remarks**

*Margaret D. Xifaras, Esq.*  
*Chair, Board of Trustees*

## **Student Address**

*Thomas Cleary, magna cum laude*  
*Class of 2007*  
*Valedictorian*

## **Awarding of the Honorary Degrees and the Reading of the Citation**

*Presenter*  
*Margaret D. Xifaras, Esq.*  
*Chair, Board of Trustees*

## **Robert S. Karam**

*Presenter*  
*Margaret D. Xifaras, Esq.*  
*Chair, Board of Trustees*

## **James J. Karam**

*Presenter*  
*Francis J. Lynch, Esq.*  
*Board of Trustees*

**Honorable Roderick L. Ireland**

*Presenter*  
*Margaret D. Xifaras, Esq.*  
*Chair, Board of Trustees*

**Honorable Anna Escobedo Cabral**

**Commencement Address**

**Honorable Anna Escobedo Cabral**  
*United States Treasurer*

**Awards**

*Presenter*  
*Dean Robert V. Ward, Jr.*

**Academic Achievement Award**

*Highest Cumulative Grade Point Average in the Course of Study*

**Thomas J. Cleary, magna cum laude, Valedictorian**  
**Jeff B. Gomes, magna cum laude**

**Dean's Service Award**

*Dedication and Service to Fellow Students and to the Law School*

**Maja Bozic**  
**Joseph F. Agnelli III**

**Rikki J. Klieman, Esq. Advocacy in Scholarship Award**

**Nicole B. Norkevicius, cum laude**

**Student Bar Association Amicus Award**

*Hon. Francis J. Larkin Amicus Award*  
*Presented to*

**Matthew Stephen Hall**

**Adam Pauley Prize**

**John Edward Williams**

**St. Thomas More Award**

**Ryan K. Miller**

**Thurgood Marshall Social Justice Award**

**Fetchner Jadotte**

**Pro Bono Program for 2006-2007 Academic Year Award**

**Josephine A. Bain**  
**Maya Bozic**  
**Randolph Cochran, Jr.**  
**Peter J. Dickson**  
**Dominique Jean**  
**Tara J. Landry**  
**Brian C. Lehning**  
**Robert A. Mellion**  
**Andrew Minarchi**  
**Oluwatosin G. Oguntimein**  
**Paul R. Pollard III**  
**Joyce J. Samuels**

**\*Special Recognition to the Bristol County Bar Association**  
**For their generous support.\***

**Roundtable Symposium Law Review Awards 2006-2007**

**Joseph F. Agnelli III**  
**Annalisa Avola**  
**Naseam R. Behrouzfarad**  
**Thomas J. Cleary**  
**Joseph P. DiRenzo**  
**Stacey L. Gauthier**  
**Nicole B. Norkevicius, cum laude**  
**Rachel L. Stanley**  
**Gregory W. Wheeler**

**Conferral of Earned Degrees**

*Robert V. Ward, Jr., Dean*  
*Margaret D. Xifaras, Chair*  
*Board of Trustees*

**Degree Candidates**

**Joseph Francis Agnelli III**  
**Erica Nicole Allard**

Con't--Graduation List-- So. New England School of Law

Annalisa Avola  
Seon A. Bagot \* ♦♦  
Josephine Antoinette Bain  
Nikole A. Bashforth \*  
Kathryn Louise Bean \*  
Naseam Rachel Behrouzfard  
David T. Bocek \*  
Maja Bozic  
Sefton Neil Brown, Jr.  
Natasha Beth Haruko Capellas  
Lisa S. Carlson \* ♦  
Thomas J. Cleary, *magna cum laude*, Valedictorian  
Randolph Stewart Carl Cochran, Jr.  
Cherie N. Curry \*\*  
Peter J. Dickson  
Joseph P. DiRenzo, *cum laude* \*\*  
Kathleen Downey  
Dana Scott Farland \*  
Jennifer L. Fennell  
Tiffany Nicole Fitzpatrick \*  
Jeffrey Michael Ford \*\*  
Stacey L. Gauthier  
Kristen A. Gibson \*\*  
Jeff B. Gomes, *magna cum laude*  
Alethia Jean Goodman  
Montell Earl Gosmon  
John Harrison Hagel, Jr.  
Matthew Stephen Hall  
Sean M. Harrington  
Chantal K. Hayes  
Maryanne Hodgkins \*  
Aristide Horugavye  
Allan Howard, Jr. \*  
Fetchner Jadotte  
Dominique Jean  
Marian Jordan \*\*  
Bonnie Lynn Koller \*  
Alexis J. Kray  
Tara J. Landry  
Mary Leahy \* ♦  
Brian Christopher Lehning  
Richard Eric Levine  
Steven Henry Long

Con't--Graduation List-- So. New England School of Law

Rossana Martins  
Robert Allan Mellion  
Ryan Kent Miller  
Brigite Melo \*\*  
Angelo Andrew Minarchi  
Kemberly Anna Nelson \*  
Nicole B. Norkevicius, *cum laude* \*  
Michael J. O'Connor \*\*  
Oluwatosin G. Oguntimein  
Paul R. Pollard III  
Kiran F. Reddy  
Tara Lynn Romano  
Augustus B. Samonte \*  
Joyce John Samuel  
Stella Gelman Shlayan  
Cheryl L. Solomine  
Rachel Lynn Stanley  
Diane M. Sunderland  
Gregory W. Wheeler  
John Edward Williams \* ♦  
Kelly Lynn Wright

John J. McGeehan, Juris Doctor, Honoris Causa

Degree conferred May 23, 2007

\* Degree conferred on January 5, 2007

♦ Member of the Massachusetts Bar

♦♦ Member of the Connecticut Bar

\*\* Subject to completion of requirements

This program contains the names of candidates for graduation at this Commencement.  
Certification is subject to the completion of the requirements.

**Benediction**

*The Reverend Dr. Edward R. Dufresne*

**Recessional**

*A reception for the Graduates, Honorary Degree Recipients, Board of Trustees,  
Faculty, Family and Friends will be held immediately following the  
Commencement Exercises.*

## Honorary Degree Recipients

### Honorable Anna Escobedo Cabral Treasurer of the United State

Anna Escobedo Cabral was nominated on July 22, 2004, by President George W. Bush to serve as Treasurer of the United States. She was confirmed by the United States Senate on November 20, 2004.

As United States Treasurer, Ms. Cabral advises the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Director of the U.S. Mint and the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing on matters relating to coinage, currency and the production of other instruments by the United States. She also serves as a spokesperson for the Treasury.

Prior to taking office, Ms. Cabral served as Director of the Smithsonian Institution's Center for Latino Initiatives. From 1999 to 2003, Ms. Cabral served as President and CEO of the Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility and from 1993 to 1999, she served as Deputy Staff Director for the United States Senate Judiciary Committee. In addition, she has simultaneously served as Executive Staff Director of the U.S. Senate Republican Conference Task Force on Hispanic Affairs, a position she has held since 1991.

A native Californian, Ms. Cabral majored in Political Science at the University of California, Davis, and earned a Master's degree in Public Administration with an emphasis in international trade and finance from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She is married with four children.

### Honorable Roderick L. Ireland Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court

Roderick L. Ireland was appointed by Governor William F. Weld in 1997 as the first African-American Associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts in its over three hundred year history. Judge Ireland was appointed by Governor Michael Dukakis to serve on the Massachusetts Appeals Court from 1990-1997 prior to his appointment as Associate Justice. He also served on the Boston Juvenile Court from 1977 to 1990. Judge Ireland was born in Springfield, Massachusetts. He began his law career as an attorney with Neighborhood Legal Services in New York City. He returned to Massachusetts in 1970 to serve as a staff attorney at the Harvard Center for Law and Education.

Judge Ireland served from 1971 to 1973 as chief attorney, then deputy and executive director at the Roxbury Defenders Committee, now known as the Committee for Public Counsel Service. He has also served as part-time hearing officer for the Massachusetts Civil Service Commission, part-time legal counsel for the Roxbury District Court Clinic, an associate at Burnham, Stern, and Shapiro in 1975, as Chief Legal Counsel for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Administration and Finance and Chair of the state Board of Appeal on Motor Vehicle Liability Policies and Bonds.

Judge Ireland received his B.A. degree from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania and his Ph.D. in the Law, Policy and Society Program from Northeastern University. He earned his J.D. degree from Columbia University Law School and his LL.M. degree from Harvard Law School, where he was a teaching fellow. Since 1978, he has been an adjunct faculty member at the School of Law and College of Criminal Justice at Northeastern University.

## James J. Karam President and founder of the First Bristol Corporation

James J. Karam is President and founder of the First Bristol Corporation. Originally founded as J. Karam Management, Inc. in 1975, the First Bristol Corporation's focus over the past thirty years has been the development of quality retail shopping centers, office buildings and hotels in the Southcoast area. Mr. Karam's commitment to excellence is evidenced by the successful nature of the company's varied developments and his recognition for being in the forefront of this ever-changing industry. The First Bristol Corporation is responsible for nearly 3,000,000 square feet of commercial development throughout Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire. Mr. Karam is also co-owner of WSAR and WHTB radio stations serving the Massachusetts Southcoast region.

Mr. Karam varied civic and professional associations include former Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the University of Massachusetts five campus system, Co-Chairman of the Southcoast CEO Group, Trustee of the Caritas Health Care System an past Co-Chair Board of Advisors for the Center for Marine Science and Technology at University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. He is a past director of the Durfee Attleboro Trust Company. Among his many awards, Mr. Karam has received recognition for his contributions to three Massachusetts award-winning Historic Rehabilitation projects; *Lafayette Place*, *The Highlands* and *the Hudner Building*, all in Fall River. He has been a recipient of awards from Citizen's for Citizens, Fall River United Way, Fall River Chamber of Commerce and the "Entrepreneur of the Year" award from The University of Massachusetts. He was recently appointed as a member of the Higher Education Task Force by Governor Deval Patrick.

Mr. Karam earned a B.S. degree in 1971 from the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth and later he received an honorary doctorate in Business Administration from the same University. He resides in Tiverton, Rhode Island with his wife, Janis, and their four children

### Robert S. Karam Principal of the Karam Financial Group

Robert S. Karam is a Principal in the Karam Financial Group. He is co-owner of Southeastern New England Broadcasting, WHTB 1400 AM radio station and Bristol County Broadcasting, WSAR 1480 AM which he owns and operates with his brother James. Mr. Karam and his son are Principals and co-founders of Meridien Karam LLC located in his hometown of Fall River.

Mr. Karam has devoted much of his time serving his community and is the former Chairman of Board of Trustees for the University of Massachusetts and Chairman of Board of Trustees of the UMass Memorial Health Care in Worcester, MA. He has also served as a former member and past chairman of the Board of Trustees for Southeastern Massachusetts University and is President of the Holy Spirit University Foundation, Kaslik, Lebanon. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees for the South Coast Health Care System and the Board of Directors for the Coastal Protective Assurance Corporation.

Among Mr. Karam's many awards for community service, he is the recipient of the New Bedford Chamber of Commerce Regional Leadership Award and the Greater Fall River Chamber of Commerce, Outstanding Citizen Award.

Mr. Karam earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts in Dartmouth in 1967. He also received an honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters from the same University in 1991.

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